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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

JOANNE WITCHKO, Derivatively on Behalf
of Nominal Defendant AMERICAN REALTY
CAPITAL PROPERTIES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NICHOLAS S. SCHORSCH, et al.,

Defendants,

-and-

AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL
PROPERTIES, INC.,

Nominal Defendant.

Lead Case No. 1:15-cv-06043-AKH

(Consolidated with Case No.
1:15-cv-08563-AKH)

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated September 27, 2019 (the "Stipulation") is made and entered into by and among the following Settling Parties (as defined herein), each by and through their respective counsel: (i) plaintiffs to the above-captioned consolidated stockholder derivative action (the "Action"), Joanne Witchko ("Witchko"), Edward Froehner, and Jeffrey Turner as trustee for Michele Graham Turner 1995 Revocable Trust (together, "Plaintiffs"), each acting derivatively on behalf of American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. (n/k/a VEREIT, Inc.) ("VEREIT" or the "Company"); (ii) defendants Nicholas S. Schorsch ("Schorsch"); Brian S. Block ("Block"); David Kay; Lisa P. McAlister ("McAlister"); Scott J. Bowman; Peter M. Budko; Brian D. Jones; William M. Kahane ("Kahane"); Edward M. Weil ("Weil"); Lisa Beeson; Scott P. Sealy Sr.; Thomas A. Andruskevich; Leslie D. Michelson; Edward

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G. Rendell; William G. Stanley; Bruce D. Frank; Grant Thornton LLP ("GT"); AR Capital, LLC; and ARC Properties Advisors, LLC (collectively, the "Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants"); and (iii) nominal defendant VEREIT (together with the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants, "Defendants").

This Stipulation, subject to the approval of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"), is intended by the Settling Parties to fully, finally, and forever compromise, resolve, discharge, and settle the Released Claims, the Defendant Parties' Released Claims, and the NVSD Released Claims (each as defined herein) and to result in the complete dismissal of the Action with prejudice, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, and without any admission or concession as to the merits of any of the Settling Parties' claims or defenses.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Action

VEREIT is a full-service real estate operating company which owns and manages one of the largest portfolios of single-tenant commercial properties in the United States. Plaintiffs have alleged or believe that they have grounds to allege that the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants breached their fiduciary duties or other obligations or duties owed to VEREIT.

On November 17, 2014, plaintiff Witchko served a litigation demand pursuant to Maryland law on the Board of Directors of VEREIT (the "Board") asking the Board to investigate alleged wrongdoing by certain of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants and sue the alleged wrongdoers for violation of their fiduciary duties under Maryland law. On June 18, 2015, the Board refused the demand.

On July 31, 2015, plaintiff Witchko, derivatively on behalf of VEREIT, filed a verified stockholder derivative complaint in the Court, initiating the Action.

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On October 30, 2015, plaintiffs Thomas Serafin, Michele Graham Turner 1995 Revocable Trust, Jeffrey Turner as Trustee, and Edward L. Froehner, derivatively on behalf of VEREIT, filed a verified stockholder derivative complaint in the Court, initiating the action captioned *Serafin, et al. v. Schorsch, et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-08563 (the "Serafin Action").

On December 15, 2015, the Court entered an order consolidating the Action and the Serafin Action for all purposes and appointing Harwood Feffer LLP, now Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP, to lead the litigation of the Derivative Action on behalf of the Plaintiffs.

On January 5, 2016, Plaintiffs designated the complaint in the Action as the operative complaint.

On February 12, 2016, VEREIT and certain of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.1 for failure to sufficiently allege improper refusal of demand, and under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) for failure to state a claim.

On March 15, 2016, Plaintiffs filed a memorandum of law in opposition to the motion to dismiss.

On April 5, 2016, VEREIT and certain of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants filed a reply memorandum of law in further support of their motion to dismiss the Action.

On June 2, 2016, the Court held oral argument on the motion to dismiss.

On June 9, 2016, the Court entered an order denying the motion to dismiss pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.1 because the operative complaint sufficiently alleged that plaintiff Witchko's demand had been improperly denied, and granting with leave to amend the motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) because the operative complaint failed to state certain claims.

On June 30, 2016, Plaintiffs, derivatively on behalf of VEREIT, filed an amended verified stockholder derivative complaint in the Court (the "Amended Complaint").

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On July 11, 2016 and July 25, 2016, Kahane, Weil, Schorsch, Block, and McAlister filed notices of interlocutory appeal of the Court's order granting in part and denying in part the motion to dismiss (the "Appeals").

On July 20, 2016, Plaintiffs moved to dismiss the Appeals for lack of appellate jurisdiction.

On July 22, 2016, VEREIT and certain of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants filed answers to the Amended Complaint.

On August 1, 2016, Kahane and Weil filed their opposition to Plaintiffs' motion to dismiss the Appeals for lack of appellate jurisdiction.

On August 8, 2016, Plaintiffs filed their replies in further support of their motion to dismiss the Appeals.

On August 11, 2016, in the Appeals, Kahane and Weil filed a motion for leave to file a sur-reply or, in the alternative, strike, and sur-reply to Plaintiffs' motion to dismiss.

On August 12, 2016, in the Appeals, Plaintiffs filed an opposition to Kahane and Weil's motion for leave to file the sur-reply or strike.

On September 1, 2016, VEREIT filed a motion to stay the Action.

On September 8, 2016, the Court entered an order denying VEREIT's motion to stay the Action.

On September 16, 2016, document discovery commenced in the Action, the consolidated class actions pending before the Court, captioned *In re American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. Litigation*, Civil Action No. 1:15-mc-00040-AKH (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Class Action"), and the then-pending Direct Actions (defined herein) arising from substantially the same facts (together, the "Coordinated Actions"). Discovery in the Action was thereafter coordinated for all purposes with discovery in the Class Action.

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During document discovery, over seventy parties and non-parties, including each of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants, cumulatively produced more than 846,000 documents totaling several million pages.

On November 15, 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit entered an order dismissing the Appeals for lack of jurisdiction.

On January 20, 2017, the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York (the "Government") moved to stay the Action and the Coordinated Actions until the conclusion of Block's criminal trial, scheduled for the summer of 2017.

On January 25, 2017, the Court denied the Government's stay motion.

On May 11, 2017, the Government renewed its motion for a partial stay of discovery until completion of Block's criminal trial.

On May 15, 2017, the Court again denied the Government's request for a partial stay of discovery.

On May 31, 2017, document discovery in the Action and the then-pending Coordinated Actions concluded.

On January 22, 2018, fact witness depositions in the Action and the then-pending Coordinated Actions commenced.

Between January 22, 2018 and December 18, 2018, Plaintiffs' Counsel attended thirty-four fact depositions of witnesses, including each individual Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant, ex-VEREIT employees, former VEREIT directors, former VEREIT officers, current and former employees of Grant Thornton, and third parties. During the depositions, Plaintiffs' Counsel conducted non-duplicative examinations of thirty-one of the deponents regarding related-party

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transactions, executive compensation payments, and corporate governance allegations at issue in the Action.

On February 8, 2019, Plaintiffs filed motions for summary judgment against Block and McAlister. The same day, several of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants filed summary judgment motions against Plaintiffs.

On March 15, 2019, the parties filed their oppositions to the motions for summary judgment.

On April 5, 2019, the parties filed replies in support of their motions for summary judgment.

On May 10, 2019, the Court entered an order denying the motions for summary judgment in the Action without prejudice to renewal.

B. Settlement Negotiations

In March 2017, certain of the parties conducted a mediation session with the Honorable Layn R. Phillips, United States District Judge (Ret.), an experienced mediator of complex disputes. In advance of the mediation session, Plaintiffs retained a forensic accounting expert who prepared a report on damages in the derivative action. Plaintiffs state that, based in part on the expert's report, Plaintiffs submitted a confidential mediation statement to Judge Phillips. The first mediation session failed to produce a settlement, although the parties expended significant time and effort preparing for and attending the two-day mediation.

On July 16, 2019, Plaintiffs' Counsel met with VEREIT's Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel, and VEREIT's counsel. Plaintiffs' Counsel made a detailed presentation regarding the claims alleged in the Action and Plaintiffs' calculation of damages. During the meeting, Plaintiffs'

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Counsel answered questions from VEREIT's Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel, and VEREIT's counsel regarding particular theories of harm and the calculation of damages.

On August 15, 2019, Plaintiffs' Counsel, VEREIT's counsel, certain of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants' counsel, and counsel for the lead plaintiff in the Class Action held a mediation session with Judge Phillips at the office of VEREIT's counsel. Certain of the Settling Parties thereafter engaged in further extensive negotiations that included numerous email exchanges and telephonic conferences.

On August 19, 2019, the Plaintiffs met for a second time with VEREIT's Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel, and VEREIT's counsel.

Over the following weeks, the parties engaged in extensive, arm's-length negotiations regarding the terms of a potential resolution of the Action.

On September 8, 2019, the Settling Parties signed and entered into a binding Memorandum of Understanding setting forth certain key terms of the Settlement.

II. PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS AND STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

Plaintiffs believe that the Released Claims have substantial merit. Nonetheless, Plaintiffs acknowledge the expense and delay of continued proceedings necessary to prosecute the claims through trial and appeal. Plaintiffs have also considered the uncertain outcome inherent in any litigation, especially complex actions such as the Action, as well as the delay and difficulties of such litigation. Plaintiffs were also mindful of the onerous burdens of proof under, and possible defenses to, the claims asserted.

Based upon (i) investigation into and evaluation of the facts and laws relating to the claims released herein and alleged in the Derivative Actions, (ii) factual information to which Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel had access prior to the execution of this Stipulation, (iii) the contribution of two hundred eighty six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$286,500,000) by the Non-

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VEREIT Settling Defendants as part of the global settlement of the claims in the Derivative Actions and the Class Action, (iv) the Supplementary Agreements that preserve VEREIT's control over the settlement contributions by the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants even if the Settlement is overturned on appeal, (v) investigations, document review and depositions conducted during the pendency of the Action, (vi) admissions made by and judgments obtained against certain of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants, (vii) legal analysis and briefing submitted by Plaintiffs and subsequent orders entered by the Court, (viii) advice provided by the Plaintiffs' various consultants and experts, including forensic accountants and individuals with expertise in corporate governance issues, (ix) mediation sessions with Judge Phillips, and (x) Plaintiffs' and Plaintiffs' Counsel's determination (subject to the final approval by the Court) that the terms of the proposed Settlement as set out in this Stipulation are fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interests of VEREIT and Current VEREIT Stockholders, Plaintiffs have agreed to settle the Derivative Actions (as defined herein) and to release the Released Claims pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation.

III. THE BENEFIT OF SETTLEMENT TO VEREIT

VEREIT has determined that the Settlement confers substantial benefits upon VEREIT and Current VEREIT Stockholders because, for among other reasons, the Settlement reduces the amount VEREIT is paying to settle the Class Action which in fact made the Settlement possible, eliminates the risk of adverse judgments at trial, puts an end to timing uncertainties, and removes the burdens and costs of the Derivative Actions and the Class Action.

VEREIT's alleged and/or potential claims against the AR Capital Parties (as defined herein), Block and GT that were the subject of the Derivative Actions, and the defenses that could be asserted with respect to such claims, as well as the potential counterclaims that could be brought against VEREIT by, in particular, GT, were a central issue in the negotiations over the amounts that the AR Capital Parties, Block and GT would contribute to the global settlement of the claims

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that have been asserted or could have been asserted in the Derivative Actions and the Class Action. VEREIT believes the claims being pursued in the Derivative Actions had significant value to VEREIT and that those claims were a substantial factor behind the willingness of the AR Capital Parties, Block and GT to make the settlement payments that they agreed to make. The AR Capital Parties, Block and GT made clear throughout the settlement negotiations that but for resolution of VEREIT's claims at issue in the Derivative Actions, they would not agree to any contribution to the Class Settlement (as defined herein), and that GT would not agree to provide VEREIT with a release as to counterclaims GT intended to assert against VEREIT in the Derivative Actions. Without those contributions, VEREIT would have been required to make a substantially larger payment to settle the Class Action, and may not, in fact, have been able to reach resolution. In addition, without the release from GT, VEREIT would continue to bear litigation risk, which VEREIT sought to finally and fully resolve through the global settlement. Consistent with the foregoing, VEREIT believes that the claims at issue in the Derivative Actions played a significant role in securing the settlement contributions from the AR Capital Parties, Block and GT, as well as the releases, which VEREIT believes are in the best interest of VEREIT.

As to the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants other than the AR Capital Parties, Block and GT, VEREIT determined that the Settlement confers substantial benefits upon VEREIT and Current VEREIT Stockholders because of the substantial cost of continued litigation and trial, the risks associated with the outcome of a trial and appeal, and the risk of uncollectable judgments in the event of a judgment favorable to VEREIT.

IV. DEFENDANTS' DENIALS OF WRONGDOING AND LIABILITY

The Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants have denied, and continue to deny, each and every claim and contention alleged by Plaintiffs in the Derivative Actions, and affirm that they have acted properly, lawfully, and in full accord with their fiduciary duties, to the extent they owed any

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such duties to VEREIT, and other legal obligations, at all times. Further, the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants have denied expressly, and continue to deny, all allegations of wrongdoing, fault, liability, or damage against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Derivative Actions, and deny that they have ever committed or attempted to commit any violations of law, any breach of fiduciary duty owed to VEREIT or its stockholders, or any wrongdoing whatsoever. Had the terms of this Stipulation not been reached, the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants would have continued to contest vigorously the allegations in the Derivative Actions, and the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants maintain that they had and have meritorious defenses to all claims alleged or claims that could have been alleged in the Derivative Actions, as well as counterclaims against VEREIT they believe to be meritorious. Without admitting the validity of any of the claims that have been asserted in the Derivative Actions, or any liability with respect thereto, the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants have concluded that it is desirable that the claims be settled on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein. The Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants are entering into this Settlement because it will eliminate the uncertainty, distraction, disruption, burden, and expense of further litigation of the Derivative Actions.¹

Neither this Stipulation, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Settlement: (a) is, may be construed as, or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the truth or validity of any of the Released Claims, of any claims or allegations made in the Derivative Actions, or of any purported acts or omissions by the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants; (b) is, may be construed as, or may be used as an

¹ Notwithstanding the foregoing, McAlister, and only McAlister, acknowledges, as she has at other times in the Action, her plea of guilty to certain offenses in *United States v. Lisa McAlister*, 16-cr-00653 (S.D.N.Y.), and does not intend anything in the foregoing to be inconsistent with her plea.

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admission of, or evidence of, any fault, omission, negligence, or wrongdoing by the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants, or any concession of liability whatsoever; or (c) is, may be construed as, or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, a concession by any Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant of any infirmity in the defenses or counterclaims that any Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant asserted or could have asserted in the Derivative Actions or otherwise.

V. TERMS OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

Plaintiffs, derivatively on behalf of VEREIT, the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants, and nominal defendant VEREIT, by and through their respective counsel or attorneys of record, hereby stipulate and agree that, subject to approval by the Court, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Settling Parties hereto, the Action and all of the Released Claims shall be fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein as follows:

1. Definitions

As used in this Stipulation, the following terms have the meanings specified below. In the event of any inconsistency between any definition set forth below and any definition set forth in any document attached as an exhibit to this Stipulation, the definitions set forth below shall control.

1.1 "Action" means the consolidated stockholder derivative actions captioned as *Witchko v. Schorsch, et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-06043-AKH, currently pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

1.2 "Amended Complaint" means the amended verified stockholder derivative complaint filed in the Action on June 30, 2016 by Plaintiff Joanne Witchko, derivatively on behalf of VEREIT.

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1.3 “Appeals” means the notices of interlocutory appeal of the Court’s order granting in part and denying in part the motion to dismiss filed by Kahane, Weil, Schorsch, Block, and McAlister.

1.4 “AR Capital Parties” means Schorsch, Peter M. Budko, Kahane, Weil, AR Capital, LLC, and ARC Properties Advisors, LLC.

1.5 “AR Capital Parties Settlement, Contribution, and Release Agreement” means the agreement regarding settlement, contribution, and release made and entered into on August 23, 2019, between and among VEREIT; VEREIT Operating Partnership, L.P., formerly known as ARC Properties Operating Partnership, L.P.; Schorsch; Shelley Schorsch; Peter M. Budko; Kahane; Weil; AR Capital, LLC; and ARC Properties Advisors, LLC, attached hereto as Exhibit D.

1.6 “AR Capital Parties Side Letter” means the side agreement entered into on September 8, 2019, between and among VEREIT; Nick S. Schorsch; Shelley Schorsch; Peter M. Budko; Kahane; Weil; AR Capital, LLC; and ARC Properties Advisors, LLC, attached hereto as Exhibit E.

1.7 “Block” means Brian S. Block.

1.8 “Block Side Agreement” means the side agreement entered into between Block and VEREIT on September 7, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit F.

1.9 “Board” means the Board of Directors of VEREIT.

1.10 “Class Action” means the federal securities class action lawsuit filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, captioned *In re American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. Litigation*, Civil Action No. 1:15-mc-00040-AKH.

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1.11 “Class Settlement” means the settlement of the Class Action pursuant to the terms of a stipulation to be submitted to the Court by the parties in the Class Action contemporaneous ly herewith.

1.12 “Contribution Claims” means any claims for contribution that VEREIT may have against any of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants by virtue of VEREIT’s settlement of the Class Action or settlement with any person or entity that entered into a settlement agreement with or otherwise provided a release to VEREIT relating to or arising from the purchase or other acquisition of ARCP Securities prior to October 29, 2014, including but not limited to settlement of the Direct Actions. For the avoidance of doubt, Contribution Claims do not include any claims for contribution that VEREIT may acquire in the event this Settlement does not become Final, as provided for in the Class Settlement.

1.13 “Coordinated Actions” means, collectively, the Class Action and the Direct Actions.

1.14 “Court” means the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

1.15 “Current VEREIT Stockholders” means, for purposes of this Stipulation, any Person (defined below) who owned VEREIT common stock as of the date of the execution of this Stipulation and who continued to hold their VEREIT common stock as of the date of the Settlement Hearing, and any of their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, excluding the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants, current and former officers and directors of VEREIT, members of their immediate families, and their legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns, and any entity in which the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants have or had a controlling interest.

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1.16 “Defendants” means, collectively, the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants and nominal defendant VEREIT.

1.17 “Defendants’ Counsel” means the respective undersigned counsel for VEREIT and the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants.

1.18 “Defendant Parties’ Released Claims” means any and all claims, debts, rights, or causes of action or liabilities, including Unknown Claims, that could be asserted in any forum by the Released Persons or the VEREIT Released Persons against Plaintiffs, their beneficiaries, or Plaintiffs’ Counsel that arise out of or relate in any way to the Released Claims or NVSD Released Claims or the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the Derivative Actions. Defendant Parties’ Released Claims shall not include claims to enforce the Settlement; the AR Capital Parties Settlement, Contribution, and Release Agreement; the AR Capital Parties Side Letter; the Block Side Agreement; or the GT Side Agreement.

1.19 “Derivative Actions” means, collectively, the (i) Action; (ii) stockholder derivative action filed in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Maryland, captioned *Frampton v. Schorsch, et al.*, No. 24-C-15-006269; (iii) stockholder derivative action filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, captioned *Fran Kosky Roth IRA v. Schorsch, et al.*, No. 653093/2016; and (iv) stockholder derivative action filed in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, captioned *Meloche, et al. v. Schorsch, et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-03366-ELH.

1.20 “Direct Actions” means *Archer Capital Master Fund, L.P. et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-05471-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Atlas Master Fund, Ltd. et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-05475-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *BlackRock ACS US Equity Tracker Fund et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-08464-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Clearline Capital Partners LP et al. v. American Realty*

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Capital Properties, Inc., et al., No. 1:15-cv-08467-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares, Inc. et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-06770-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Eton Park Fund, L.P. et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:16-cv-09393-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Fir Tree Capital Opportunity Master Fund, L.P. et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. et al.*, No. 1:17-cv-04975 (S.D.N.Y.); *HG Vora Special Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-04107-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Jet Capital Master Fund, L.P., et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-00307-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Lakewood Capital Partners, LP v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, Index No. 653676/2019 (N.Y. Sup. Ct.); *Pentwater Equity Opportunities Master Fund Ltd. et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-08510-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *PIMCO Funds: PIMCO Diversified Income Fund et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-08466-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:17-cv-02796-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); *Twin Securities, Inc. et al. v. American Realty Capital Properties, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-01291-AKH (S.D.N.Y.); and *Vanguard Specialized Funds et al. v. VEREIT Incorporated, et al.*, 2:15-cv-02157-JAS (D. Ariz.).

1.21 “Effective Date” means the first date by which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶ 6.1 herein have been met and have occurred.

1.22 “Fee Award” means the monetary compensation to be paid to Plaintiffs’ Counsel for their attorneys’ fees and expenses, as detailed in ¶¶ 5.1-5.2 of this Stipulation, subject to approval by the Court.

1.23 “Final” means, with respect to any order or Judgment of the Court, that such order or Judgment represents a final and binding determination of all issues within its scope and has not

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been reversed, vacated, or modified in any way and is no longer subject to appellate review, either because of disposition on appeal and conclusion of the appellate process or because of passage, without action, of time for seeking appellate review. Without limitation, an order or Judgment becomes Final when: (a) either no appeal therefrom has been filed and the time has passed for any notice of appeal to be timely filed therefrom; or (b) an appeal has been filed and either (i) the court of appeals has either affirmed the order or Judgment or dismissed that appeal and the time for any reconsideration or further appellate review has passed; or (ii) a higher court has granted further appellate review and that court has either affirmed the underlying order or judgment or affirmed the court of appeals' decision affirming the Judgment or dismissing the appeal. For purposes of this paragraph, an "appeal" shall include any motion for reconsideration or petition for a writ of certiorari or other writ that may be filed in connection with approval or disapproval of this Settlement. Any appeal or proceeding seeking subsequent judicial review pertaining solely to the Fee Award shall not in any way delay, affect, or preclude the time set forth above for the Judgment to become Final, or otherwise preclude the Judgment from becoming Final.

1.24 "Government" means the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

1.25 "GPM" means Glancy Prongay & Murray LLP.

1.26 "GT" means Grant Thornton LLP.

1.27 "GT Side Agreement" means the side agreement entered into between GT and VEREIT on September 9, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit G.

1.28 "Judgment" means the final order and judgment to be rendered by the Court, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

1.29 "Kahane" means William M. Kahane.

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1.30 "McAlister" means Lisa P. McAlister.

1.31 "Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants" means, collectively: Nicholas S. Schorsch; Brian S. Block; David Kay; McAlister; Scott J. Bowman; Peter M. Budko; Brian D. Jones; Kahane; Weil; Lisa Beeson; Scott P. Sealy Sr.; Thomas A. Andruskevich; Leslie D. Michelson; Edward G. Rendell; William G. Stanley; Bruce D. Frank; Grant Thornton LLP; AR Capital, LLC; and ARC Properties Advisors, LLC.

1.32 "Notice" means, collectively, the Notice to Current VEREIT Stockholders, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-1 ("Long Form Notice"), and the Summary Notice of Proposed Settlement of Stockholder Derivative Action, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A-2 ("Summary Notice").

1.33 "NVSD Released Claims" means, collectively, all claims (including Unknown Claims and claims for contribution), demands, debts, losses, damages, duties, rights, disputes, actions, causes of action, liabilities, obligations, judgments, suits, matters, controversies, proceedings, or issues, of any kind, nature, character, or description whatsoever (and including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, whether compensatory, consequential, special, punitive, exemplary, or otherwise, and any and all fees, costs, interest, expenses, or charges), whether known or unknown, at law or in equity, that arise out of, are based upon, or relate to in any way any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to, in the Derivative Actions or the Class Action, including but not limited to all claims, demands, losses, rights, and causes of action of any nature whatsoever that (i) have been or could have been asserted by the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants in the Derivative Actions, or (ii) could have been asserted by the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants against the VEREIT Released Persons or other Non-VEREIT Settling

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Defendants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "NVSD Released Claims" shall not include (i) any rights that the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants have or might have to advancement or indemnification, whether under any prior written agreements with VEREIT or under applicable law, for any claims, demands, losses or proceedings that arise out of, are based upon, or relate to in any way the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to, in the Class Action or the Derivative Actions, including but not limited to any claims asserted or threatened to be asserted by an investor who elects not to participate in the settlement of the Class Action or is not a member of the settlement class, (ii) Block's rights to advancement and indemnification by VEREIT of legal fees and expenses incurred by Block for services rendered after September 8, 2019, in connection with the Derivative Actions, the Class Action, and the action captioned *United States v. Brian Block*, 16-cr-00595 (JPO) (S.D.N.Y.), consistent with applicable law and subject to VEREIT's rights to seek a claw back of such fees and expenses, pursuant to the Block Side Agreement, or (iii) claims to enforce the Settlement, the AR Capital Parties Settlement, Contribution, and Release Agreement, the AR Capital Parties Side Letter, the Block Side Agreement, or the GT Side Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "NVSD Released Claims" shall include any rights that the AR Capital Parties have or may have to indemnification or advancement for any action that relates predominantly to RCS Capital Corporation, including without limitation, the action captioned *RCS Creditor Trust v. Schorsch et al.*, C.A. No. 2017-0178-SG (Del. Ch.).

1.34 "Person(s)" means an individual, corporation (including all its divisions and subsidiaries thereof), limited liability corporation, professional corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, estate, legal representative, trust, unincorporated association, government or any

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political subdivision or agency thereof, and any business or legal entity and all of their respective spouses, heirs, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, representatives, or assignees.

1.35 "Plaintiffs" means Joanne Witchko, Edward Froehner, and Jeffrey Turner as trustee for Michele Graham Turner 1995 Revocable Trust.

1.36 "Plaintiffs' Counsel" means the undersigned counsel for Plaintiffs.

1.37 "Preliminary Approval Order" means the Order to be entered by the Court, substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto, including, *inter alia*, preliminarily approving the terms and conditions of the Settlement as set forth in this Stipulation, directing that the Notice be provided to Current VEREIT Stockholders, and scheduling a Settlement Hearing to consider whether the Settlement and Fee Award should be finally approved.

1.38 "Related Parties" means each Defendant's respective present and former parents, subsidiaries, divisions, controlling persons, associates, entities and affiliates and each and all of their respective present and former employees, members, partners, principals, officers, directors, controlling stockholders, agents, attorneys, advisors (including financial or investment advisors), accountants, auditors, consultants, underwriters, investment bankers, commercial bankers, entities providing fairness opinions, general or limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, members, joint ventures and insurers and reinsurers of each of them; as well as the predecessors, successors, assigns, estates, immediate family members, spouses, heirs, executors, trusts, trustees, administrators, agents, legal or personal representatives, assigns, and assignees of each of them, in their capacity as such.

1.39 "Released Claims" means, collectively, all claims (including Contribution Claims and Unknown Claims), demands, debts, losses, damages, duties, rights, disputes, actions, causes

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of action, liabilities, obligations, judgments, suits, matters, controversies, proceedings, or issues, of any kind, nature, character, or description whatsoever (and including, but not limited to, any claims for damages, whether compensatory, consequential, special, punitive, exemplary, or otherwise, and any and all fees, costs, interest, expenses, or charges), whether known or unknown, at law or in equity, that arise out of, are based upon, or relate to in any way any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to, in the Derivative Actions or the Class Action, including but not limited to all claims, demands, losses, rights, and causes of action of any nature whatsoever that (i) have been or could have been asserted in the Derivative Actions, or (ii) could have been asserted by VEREIT. Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Released Claims" shall not include (i) claims brought in the Class Action, (ii) claims to enforce the Settlement, or (iii) VEREIT's right to seek a claw back of legal fees and expenses incurred by Block after September 8, 2019, consistent with applicable law.

1.40 "Released Person(s)" means, collectively, each and all of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants and their Related Parties.

1.41 "Schorsch" means Nicholas S. Schorsch.

1.42 "Secondary Agreement" means the Secondary Agreement dated September 27, 2019, between and among VEREIT and the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants attached hereto as Exhibit D.

1.43 "Serafin Action" means the stockholder derivative action filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, captioned *Serafin, et al. v. Schorsch, et al.*, No. 1:15-cv-08563.

1.44 "Settlement" means the settlement of the Action as documented in this Stipulation.

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1.45 "Settlement Hearing" means a hearing by the Court to review the adequacy, fairness, and reasonableness of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation and to determine: (i) whether to enter the Judgment; and (ii) all other matters properly before the Court.

1.46 "Settling Parties" means, collectively, each of the Plaintiffs (derivatively on behalf of VEREIT), each of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants, and nominal defendant VEREIT.

1.47 "Stipulation" means this Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement.

1.48 "Supplementary Agreements" means, collectively, (i) the AR Capital Parties Settlement, Contribution, and Release Agreement; (ii) the AR Capital Parties Side Letter; (iii) the Block Side Agreement; (iv) the GT Side Agreement; and (v) the Secondary Agreement.

1.49 "Unknown Claims" means any and all claims that were alleged or could have been asserted in the Derivative Actions, including as counterclaims or cross-claims, by the Plaintiffs, VEREIT, the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants, or any VEREIT stockholder derivatively on behalf of VEREIT, which any Plaintiff, VEREIT, any Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant, or any VEREIT stockholder derivatively on behalf of VEREIT does not know or suspect to exist in his, her or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Persons or the VEREIT Released Persons, including claims which, if known by him, her or it, might have affected his, her or its settlement with and release of the Released Persons, Plaintiffs, their beneficiaries, Plaintiffs' Counsel, or the VEREIT Released Persons, or might have affected his, her or its decision not to object to this settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, Plaintiffs, VEREIT, and Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of VEREIT's stockholders shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived the provisions, rights and benefits of California Civil Code § 1542, which provides:

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A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Plaintiffs, VEREIT, and Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of VEREIT's stockholders shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any U.S. federal law or any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable or equivalent in effect to California Civil Code § 1542. The Settling Parties acknowledge that they may discover facts in addition to or different from those now known or believed to be true by them with respect to the Released Claims, but it is the intention of the Settling Parties to completely, fully, finally, and forever compromise, settle, release, discharge, and extinguish any and all of the Released Claims, Defendant Parties' Released Claims, and NVSD Released Claims, known or unknown, which now exist, or heretofore existed, or may hereafter exist, and without regard to the subsequent discovery of additional or different facts. Plaintiffs, VEREIT, and Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants acknowledge, and VEREIT's stockholders shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and was a material element of the Settlement.

1.50 "VEREIT" or the "Company" means nominal defendant American Realty Capital Properties, Inc. (n/k/a VEREIT, Inc.) and includes all of its subsidiaries, predecessors, successors, affiliates, officers, directors, employees, and agents.

1.51 "VEREIT Released Persons" means VEREIT and VEREIT's parent and subsidiary entities, and each of their respective current and former stockholders, directors, officers, employees, agents, auditors, accountants, attorneys, advisors and underwriters, and the successors and assigns of each of the foregoing persons and entities.

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1.52 "Weil" means Edward M. Weil.

1.53 "Witchko" means Joanne Witchko.

2. Terms of the Settlement

2.1 The AR Capital Parties have agreed to contribute consideration with a value of two hundred and twenty-five million dollars (\$225,000,000) (inclusive of the value of certain operating partnership units in VEREIT Operating Partnership, L.P., and related dividends previously surrendered by some of the AR Capital Parties as part of a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which total \$31,972,934 in value) to a global settlement to settle the Class Action, as well as any and all claims in the Derivative Actions; Block has agreed to contribute consideration with a value of twelve million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) to a global settlement to settle the Class Action, as well as any and all claims in the Derivative Actions; and GT has agreed to contribute forty-nine million dollars (\$49,000,000) to a global settlement to settle the Class Action, as well as any and all claims in the Derivative Actions. The Settling Parties agree that the claims in the Derivative Actions, as well as potential counterclaims that could be brought against VEREIT, were a central issue in the negotiations regarding the amounts that the AR Capital Parties, Block, and GT would contribute to the global settlement. Specifically, VEREIT believes the claims being pursued in the Derivative Actions had significant value to VEREIT and that those claims were a substantial factor behind the willingness of the AR Capital Parties, Block and GT to make the settlement payments that they agreed to make. The AR Capital Parties, Block and GT made clear throughout the settlement negotiations that but for resolution of VEREIT's claims at issue in the Derivative Actions, they would not agree to any contribution to the settlement of the Class Action, and that GT would not agree to provide VEREIT with a release as to counterclaims GT intended to assert against VEREIT in the Derivative Actions. Without those contributions, VEREIT would have been required to make a substantially larger payment to

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settle the Class Action, and may not, in fact, have been able to reach resolution. In addition, without the release from GT, VEREIT would continue to bear litigation risk, which VEREIT sought to finally and fully resolve through the global settlement. Consistent with the foregoing, VEREIT believes that the claims at issue in the Derivative Actions played a significant role in securing the settlement contributions from the AR Capital Parties, Block and GT, as well as the releases, which VEREIT believes are in the best interest of VEREIT and its stockholders.

3. Procedure for Implementing the Settlement

3.1 Promptly after execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiffs shall submit this Stipulation, together with its exhibits, to the Court and apply for entry of the Preliminary Approval Order in the Court, substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto, requesting, *inter alia*: (i) preliminary approval of the Settlement set forth in this Stipulation; (ii) approval of the method of providing notice of the proposed Settlement to Current VEREIT Stockholders; (iii) approval of the Notice procedure set forth in ¶ 3.2; and (iv) a date for the Settlement Hearing.

3.2 Within ten (10) calendar days after the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, VEREIT shall cause a press release to be issued that contains the contents of the Long Form Notice (attached hereto as Exhibit A-1), and referring the Current VEREIT Stockholders to VEREIT's Investor Relations webpage, located at <http://ir.vereit.com/>, for more information, as well as file a current report on Form 8-K with the Securities & Exchange Commission referencing such press release. VEREIT's Investor Relations webpage shall include a link to the aforementioned press release, this Stipulation, and the Preliminary Approval Order. Within ten (10) calendar days after the Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, VEREIT shall cause the Summary Notice (attached hereto as Exhibit A-2) to be published once in *Investor's Business Daily*. The Settling Parties believe the contents of the Notice and the manner of the notice

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procedures set forth in this paragraph constitute adequate and reasonable notice to Current VEREIT Stockholders pursuant to applicable law and due process.

3.3 Plaintiffs' Counsel shall request that the Court hold the Settlement Hearing to approve the Settlement and the Fee Award after the Court holds a final approval hearing to review the adequacy, fairness, and reasonableness of the Class Settlement, but in no event fewer than forty-five (45) calendar days after the notice described in ¶ 3.2 above is given to Current VEREIT Stockholders.

3.4 Pending the Court's determination as to final approval of the Settlement, Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel, and all other Persons, including, but not limited to, any Current VEREIT Stockholders, are barred and enjoined from commencing, prosecuting, instigating, or in any way participating in the commencement or prosecution of any action asserting any Released Claims against any of the Released Persons, in any court or tribunal, including but not limited to, any of the Derivative Actions.

3.5 Upon entry of Judgment by the Court, VEREIT shall promptly seek to have dismissed or otherwise terminated, to the extent they have not been already, any Derivative Actions still pending.

4. Releases

4.1 Upon the Effective Date, VEREIT, Plaintiffs, and each of the Current VEREIT Stockholders shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged the Released Claims against the Released Persons. VEREIT, Plaintiffs, and each of the Current VEREIT Stockholders shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, covenanted not to sue any Released Person with respect to any Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from instituting, commencing or prosecuting the Released Claims against the Released Persons except

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to enforce the releases and other terms and conditions contained in this Stipulation and/or the Judgment entered pursuant thereto.

4.2 Upon the Effective Date, VEREIT and each of the Released Persons shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished and discharged each and all of Plaintiffs, their beneficiaries, and Plaintiffs' Counsel from any and all Defendant Parties' Released Claims. VEREIT and the Released Persons shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, covenanted not to sue Plaintiffs, their beneficiaries, or Plaintiffs' Counsel with respect to any claims arising out of, relating to, or in connection with their institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement, or resolution of the Action or any Defendant Parties' Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from instituting, commencing or prosecuting the Defendant Parties' Released Claims against Plaintiffs, their beneficiaries, or Plaintiffs' Counsel except to enforce the releases and other terms and conditions contained in this Stipulation and/or the Judgment entered pursuant thereto.

4.3 Upon the Effective Date, the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever released, relinquished, and discharged the NVSD Released Claims against each respective Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant and the VEREIT Released Persons. The Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, covenanted not to sue each respective Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant and the VEREIT Released Persons with respect to any NVSD Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from instituting, commencing or prosecuting the NVSD Released Claims against the VEREIT Released Persons except to enforce the releases and other terms and conditions contained in this Stipulation and/or the Judgment entered pursuant thereto.

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4.4 Notwithstanding ¶ 4.3, in the event that any Derivative Action other than the Action, or any derivative proceeding filed subsequent to execution of this Stipulation alleging claims that arise out of, are based upon, or relate to in any way any of the allegations, acts, transactions, facts, events, matters, occurrences, representations or omissions involved, set forth, alleged or referred to, in the Derivative Actions or the Class Action, is permitted to proceed against any Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant: (i) VEREIT shall not be released from any rights of advancement, indemnification, contribution, or any other rights that such Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant has or may have for any claims, demand or losses (all subject to meeting applicable laws, requirements, and standards) arising out of such derivative proceeding; and (ii) GT shall be entitled to receive from VEREIT indemnification for and advancement of reasonable fees, costs, and expenses incurred or paid by GT in defending such derivative proceeding, and (subject to meeting applicable laws) amounts paid by GT in settlement of or in satisfaction of a judgment rendered in such derivative proceeding.

4.5 Nothing herein shall in any way impair or restrict the rights of any Settling Party to enforce the terms of the Stipulation.

5. Payment of Plaintiffs' Counsel's Fees and Expenses

5.1 Plaintiffs intend to seek payment of a fee in an amount not to exceed twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000) and expenses through application to the Court. VEREIT reserves its right to object to Plaintiffs' Counsel's application for fees and expenses.

5.2 Not later than ten (10) business days following the date on which the Court approves the Fee Award, VEREIT will pay Plaintiffs' Counsel (through GPM) the amount approved by the Court (in an amount not to exceed twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000) and expenses). Such monies shall be kept by GPM in a segregated escrow account and not distributed to GPM or anyone else until such time as the Fee Award becomes Final. For the avoidance of

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doubt, only VEREIT is liable for the Fee Award; none of the Non-VEREIT Settling Defendants are liable to the Plaintiffs or any other person for the Fee Award.

5.3 In the event of any failure to obtain final approval of the full amount of the Fee Award, or upon any appeal and/or further proceedings on remand, or successful collateral attack, which results in the Fee Award being overturned or substantially modified, Plaintiffs' Counsel and their successors shall be obligated to repay within fifteen (15) business days the portion of the Fee Award held in escrow that was ultimately not awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel. Plaintiffs' Counsel is subject to the Court's jurisdiction for the purposes of enforcing this paragraph and the provisions related to the Fee Award.

5.4 Payment of the Fee Award in the amount approved by the Court shall constitute final and complete payment for Plaintiffs' Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses that have been incurred or will be incurred in connection with the filing and prosecution of the Action and the resolution of the claims alleged therein. Defendants and Defendants' Counsel shall have no responsibility for the allocation or distribution of the Fee Award amongst Plaintiffs' Counsel. Defendants, including VEREIT, shall have no obligation to make any payment to any Plaintiffs' Counsel other than the payment provided in ¶¶ 5.1-5.2 herein.

5.5 Except as otherwise provided herein, or a separate agreement concerning advancement or indemnification among any Defendants, each of the Settling Parties shall bear his, her, or its own costs and attorneys' fees. This ¶ 5.5 is not intended to affect the rights of any Non-VEREIT Settling Defendant to indemnification or advancement of costs and attorney's fees.

6. Conditions of Settlement, Effect of Disapproval, Cancellation, or Termination

6.1 The Effective Date of the Settlement shall be conditioned on the occurrence of all of the following events:

- (i) the Court's entry of the Judgment;

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- (ii) the Judgment has become Final;
- (iii) the Court's approval of a settlement and entry of a judgment in the Class Action; and
- (iv) the judgment in the Class Action becomes Final.

6.2 If any condition specified in ¶ 6.1 is not met, then the Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated subject to ¶ 6.4, and the Settling Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action as of the date immediately preceding the date of this Stipulation, unless Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendants' Counsel mutually agree in writing to proceed with the Stipulation; provided, however, that the Court's failure to approve the Fee Award shall not be grounds for termination or cancellation of the Settlement.

6.3 Each of the Settling Parties shall have the right to terminate the Settlement by providing written notice of their election to do so to all other Settling Parties within twenty (20) calendar days of the date on which: (i) the Court refuses to approve this Stipulation, or the terms contained herein, in any material respect; (ii) the Preliminary Approval Order is not entered in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B hereto; (iii) the Judgment is not entered in substantially the form attached as Exhibit C hereto; (iv) the Judgment is reversed, vacated, or substantially modified on appeal, reconsideration, or otherwise; (v) the Court refuses to enter a judgment in the Class Action; (vi) the judgment in the Class Action is reversed, vacated, or substantially modified on appeal, reconsideration, or otherwise; or (vii) the Effective Date of the Settlement cannot otherwise occur; except that such termination shall not be effective unless and until the terminating Settling Party has, within twenty (20) calendar days of the date on which notice of the termination event has been provided to all other Settling Parties, attempted in good faith to confer with the other Settling Parties to attempt to remedy the issue. Any order or proceeding relating to the Fee Award, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not

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operate to cancel the Stipulation, allow for the termination of the Settlement, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment approving the Settlement.

6.4 In the event that the Stipulation is not approved by the Court, or the Settlement is terminated for any reason, including pursuant to ¶ 6.3 above, the Settling Parties shall be restored to their respective positions as of the date immediately preceding the date of this Stipulation, and all negotiations, proceedings, documents prepared and statements made in connection herewith shall be without prejudice to the Settling Parties, shall not be deemed or construed to be an admission by any of the Settling Parties of any act, matter, or proposition, and shall not be used in any manner for any purpose in any subsequent proceeding in the Derivative Actions or in any other action or proceeding. In such event, the terms and provisions of the Stipulation, with the exception of ¶¶ 1.1-1.53, 5.5, 6.2-6.4, 7.2, 7.4-7.16, and 7.18 herein, shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Settling Parties and shall not be used in the Derivative Actions or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any judgment or orders entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

7. Miscellaneous Provision

7.1 The Settling Parties: (i) acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this Stipulation; and (ii) agree to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of the Stipulation and to exercise their best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of the Stipulation.

7.2 The Settling Parties agree that the terms of the Settlement were negotiated in good faith and at arm's length by the Settling Parties, and reflect a settlement that was reached voluntarily based upon adequate information and after consultation with competent legal counsel. Except in the event of termination of the Settlement, the Settling Parties agree not to assert under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or any similar law, rule or regulation, that the

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Action was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. The Settling Parties also will request that the Judgment contain a finding that during the course of the Action, the Settling Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 11 and all other similar rules of professional conduct.

7.3 While maintaining their positions that the claims and defenses asserted in the Derivative Actions are meritorious, Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs' Counsel, on the one hand, and Defendants and Defendants' Counsel, on the other hand, shall not make any public statements or statements to the media (whether or not for attribution) that disparage the other's business, conduct, or reputation, or that of their counsel, based on the subject matter of the Action. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each of the Settling Parties reserves their right to rebut, in a manner that such party determines to be reasonable and appropriate, any contention made in any public forum that the Action was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis.

7.4 Whether or not the Settlement is approved by the Court, and whether or not the Settlement is consummated, the fact and terms of this Stipulation, including any exhibits attached hereto, all proceedings in connection with the Settlement, and any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the Settlement:

(a) shall not be offered, received, or used in any way against the Settling Parties as evidence of, or be deemed to be evidence of, a presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Settling Parties with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Plaintiffs or the validity, or lack thereof, of any claim that has been or could have been asserted in the Derivative Actions or in any litigation, or the deficiency or infirmity of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in the Derivative Actions or in any litigation, or of any fault, wrongdoing, negligence, or liability of any of the Released Persons or the VEREIT Released Persons;

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(b) shall not be offered, received, or used in any way against any of the Released Persons or the VEREIT Released Persons as evidence of, or be deemed to be evidence of, a presumption, concession, or admission of any fault, misrepresentation or omission with respect to any statement or written document approved, issued, or made by any Released Person or any VEREIT Released Person, or against Plaintiffs as evidence of any infirmity in their claims;

(c) shall not be offered, received, or used in any way against any of the Released Persons or any of the VEREIT Released Persons as evidence of, or be deemed to be evidence of, a presumption, concession, or admission of any liability, fault, negligence, omission or wrongdoing, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against the Released Persons or the VEREIT Released Persons, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal. Neither this Stipulation nor the Settlement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Stipulation, or the Settlement, shall be admissible in any proceeding for any purpose, except to enforce the terms of the Settlement; provided, however, that the Released Persons and the VEREIT Released Persons may refer to the Settlement, and file the Stipulation and/or the Judgment, in any action that may be brought against them to effectuate the liability protections granted to them hereunder, including, without limitation, to support a defense or claim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, full faith and credit, release, standing, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or claim under U.S. federal or state law or foreign law.

7.5 The exhibits to the Stipulation are material and integral parts hereof and are fully incorporated herein by this reference.

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7.6 This Stipulation may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by or on behalf of all the Settling Parties or their respective successors-in-interest. After prior notice to the Court, but without further order of the Court, the Settling Parties may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any provisions of this Stipulation.

7.7 With the exception of the Supplementary Agreements, this Stipulation and the exhibits attached hereto represent the complete and final resolution of all disputes among the Settling Parties with respect to the Action, constitute the entire agreement among the Settling Parties, and supersede any and all prior negotiations, discussions, agreements, or undertakings, whether oral or written, with respect to such matters.

7.8 The waiver by one party of any breach of the Settlement by any other party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of the Settlement. The provisions of the Settlement may not be waived except by a writing signed by the affected party, or counsel for that party.

7.9 The headings in this Stipulation and its exhibits are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect. Such headings shall not be considered a part of this Stipulation, and neither shall they limit, modify, or affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Stipulation.

7.10 This Stipulation and the Settlement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Settling Parties, the Released Persons, and the VEREIT Released Persons. The Settling Parties agree that this Stipulation will run to their respective successors-in-interest, and they further agree that any planned, proposed or actual sale, merger or change-in-control of VEREIT shall not void this Stipulation, and that in the event of a planned, proposed or actual sale, merger or change-in-control of VEREIT, they will continue to seek final

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approval of this Stipulation expeditiously, including, but not limited to, the Settlement terms reflected in this Stipulation and the Fee Award.

7.11 The Stipulation and the exhibits attached hereto shall be considered to have been negotiated, executed, and delivered, and to be wholly performed, in the State of New York and the rights and obligations of the Settling Parties to the Stipulation shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the internal, substantive laws of the State of New York without giving effect to that State's choice of law principles. No representations, warranties, or inducements have been made to any party concerning the Stipulation or its exhibits other than the representations, warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized in such documents.

7.12 This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Settling Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Settling Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations among the Settling Parties and all Settling Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.

7.13 All agreements made and orders entered during the course of the Derivative Actions relating to the confidentiality of information and documents shall survive this Stipulation.

7.14 Nothing in this Stipulation, or the negotiations or proceedings relating to the Settlement, is intended to or shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any applicable privilege or immunity, including, without limitation, the attorney-client privilege, the joint defense privilege, the accountants' privilege, or work product immunity; further, all information and documents transmitted between Plaintiffs' Counsel and Defendants' Counsel in connection with the Settlement shall be kept confidential and shall be inadmissible in any proceeding in any U.S.

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federal or state court or other tribunal or otherwise, in accordance with Rule 408 of the Federal Rules of Evidence as if such Rule applied in all respects in any such proceeding or forum.

7.15 The Settling Parties intend that the Court retain jurisdiction for the purpose of effectuating and enforcing the terms of the Settlement.

7.16 Each counsel or other Person executing the Stipulation or its exhibits on behalf of any of the Settling Parties hereby warrants that such Person has the full authority to do so. The Stipulation shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors and assigns of the Settling Parties and their Related Parties.

7.17 Any notice required by this Stipulation shall be submitted by overnight mail and email to each of the signatories below.

7.18 The Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by signature transmitted via facsimile, or by a .pdf/.tif image of the signature transmitted via e-mail. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Settling Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, as of September 27, 2019.

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EXECUTED AND AGREED:

GLANCY PRONGAY & MURRAY LLP, on behalf of Joanne Witchko, Edward Froenner, and Jeffrey Turner as trustee for Michele Graham Turner 1995 Revocable Trust

By: 

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP, on behalf of Nicholas S. Schorsch

By: _____

KELLOGG, HANSEN, TODD, FIGEL & FREDERICK, P.L.L.C., on behalf of AR Capital, LLC, ARC Properties Advisors, LLC, Scott J. Bowman, Peter M. Budko, Brian D. Jones, William M. Kahane, and Edward M. Weil

By: _____

STEPH & JOHNSON LLP, on behalf of Brian Block

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MORRIS, MANNING & MARTIN LLP, on behalf of Scott P. Sealy Sr.

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ZUCKERMAN SPAEDER LLP, on behalf of Lisa McAlister

By: _____

MILBANK LLP, on behalf of VEREIT

By: _____

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP, on behalf of David Kay

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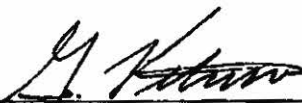
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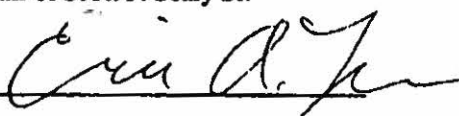
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